## April 2017 Newsletter



#### **Events**

Great American Litter Up April 22nd Registration at 8 am

Communidad y Politica:
Un Dialogo Con La
Honorable Blanca
Alvarado
April 26 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Student Union Theater
San Jose State University

#### **Spring Plant Sale**

April 29 | 9 am - 3 pm Our City Forest -Community Garden 1000 Spring St.

Bus Trip for Education
May 31 | 6 am - 5 pm
Bus Leaves from VTA
Transit Center @ Eastridge
Mall

#### **Announcements**

Update on Flood Donations

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#### Staff

Frances Herbert Chief of Staff Dear Neighbor,

Last Tuesday, I co-authored a memo that approved moving forward on two 100% deed-restricted affordable housing development projects. One project titled *Quetzal Gardens* is located on Alum Rock and King Road and the other project is in District 3. The *Quetzal Garden's* developer Resources for Community Development has been working closely with residents and stakeholders on the development of the project which will provide 71 apartments and 7,090 square feet of commercial space to Alum Rock Avenue.

The memo also asks staff to return to Council in May with a simplified financing mechanism for the Little Portugal Urban Village that would be supported by a fee on commercial and market rate housing to fund on-site amenities. The Little Portugal Urban Village plan was developed through a lengthy public process under the Little Portugal Urban Village Working Group. You can view the plan HERE. The goal is to develop an urban village that will provide cluster apartments and shops along walkable streets linked by public transit. The City initially passed the Urban Village plan six years ago, but none of approved Villages have been built partially due to the complicated permit and fee structure.

To view the memo, click **HERE**.

Next week, the City Council will review two important housing policies. The first is an amendment to the Ellis Act Ordinance that will set procedures on the removal of rent stabilized units from the rental market. The second item will set to establish rules regarding no-cause evictions and staff is recommending a Good Cause Ordinance. Last year, City Council directed staff to work with the community to develop an ordinance that would increase protections for renters including anti-retaliation and standards for eviction. Staff has had numerous meetings with the community and stakeholders to develop an agreement that will be heard on April 18th Council meeting. I would encourage all who are

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#### Baltazar's Business Corner

The Alum Rock corridor has been impacted by the BRT construction so its important that we continue to support our local merchants.

This month try Sante Fe Taqueria, one of San Jose's best eateries.

As part of a chain of Mexican grocery stores, Santa Fe Taqueria offers traditional Mexican dishes like tacos and tortas with a little American flare with their take on Nacho Fries and Burritos.

Restaurant Hours: Monday - Sunday 7:00am - 10:00pm

Restaurant Location: 942 S White Rd San Jose, CA 95109

Phone #: 408-258-2599

If you would like your business to be featured, please email Barbara. interested to review the proposals and attend the Council meeting. You are welcome to send your comments to <a href="mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov">district5@sanjoseca.gov</a>.

During the month of March, I was able to recognize a district resident Xavier Meza, a student-athlete, who holds a 4.0 grade point average and ranks #1 in the state of California at 70lbs for his age group in amateur boxing with aspirations of making the USA Olympic Boxing team when he turns 18 years old. We declared an end to the City-Water shortage and an end to the one of the worst draught's in California's history.



The City Council approved the donation of 20 surplus city vehicles to flood survivors Goodwill SV has agreed to receive donated vehicles from the City so those vehicles can be distributed to the flood survivors. Goodwill SV and Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County have been working closely with the City in developing a comprehensive car donation program. Catholic Charities has identified individuals and families that have lost their vehicles in flood and did not have the means to replace their vehicles. In addition, Goodwill SV has launched a comprehensive social marketing campaign targeted to the general public to generate additional car donations. The City's donation of up to 20 surplus vehicles will be the catalyst to the overall vehicle donation program and will have a positive impact on the lives of the impacted flood victims and outweigh the fiscal impact to the City.

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Vice Mayor / Vicealcalde Magdalena Carrasco

**Email Your Councilmember** 

### **GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICKUP**

Tired of the blight in your community? Want to take things into your own hands? Well, April 22nd you'll have the chance with millions of others across the nation in the Great American Litter Pick up. Can't wait that long or want to do more? Have a dumpster day in your immediate neighborhood! Motivate your neighbors and show others how beautiful your street can look when it is clean!



Saturday, April 22nd
Registration @ 8 am
Cleanup: 8:30 am - 11:30 am
~Free Breakfast and Lunch Provided~
(Free T-Shirt for 1st 100 RSVPs)
\*We will sign for Community Service Hours\*

#### Starting Locations:

James Lick High School - Front Parking Lot (57 N White Rd)
Mt. Pleasant High School - Front Parking Lot (1750 S White Rd)
Mayfair Community Center - Front Entrance (2039 Kammerer Ave)
Capital Park - Community Room (800 Peter Pan Ave)

Please follow this link to **RSVP**.

#### LIFE SKILLS ACADEMY

You've been through a dozen years of school and know Shakespeare's birthday, our fifteenth President's favorite pie, and the value of A Midsummer's Night Dream up to five decimal points ... or was that the other way around? Now you're ready to kiss high school goodbye and go on to something new. The only question that matters now is: "Are you ready?"



The San José Public Library may not know the answer, but we do have the solution. Introducing the Life Skills Academy, a new program designed by the library exclusively for you, the high school student planning on leaving it all behind for college or the work force. Sure, you may have a great résumé and GPA, but can you boil an egg? The Life Skills Academy will teach you some of the essential tips and tricks that you'll need to lead a successful and (relatively) stress-free adult life.

No registration required. Our Life Skills programs are built to target ages 14-19, but all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The program offers advice on "Your First Apartment", "Your First College Class", "Cooking on a Budget", and "Credit, Budgeting, and Managing Money"

To access this free academy, visit www.sipl.org/lifeskills.

#### CAPITOL LIGHT RAIL, BART AND BRT UPDATE

#### **BART Construction Update**

Friday, March 24 is the grand opening of the Warm Springs BART Station in Fremont which is a milestone to the extension in San Jose. The Berryessa Extension is the 10-mile, two stations, first phase of BART Silicon Valley. This extension of the BART system

will begin south of the Warm Springs station in Fremont, proceed through Milpitas and end in the Berryessa area of North San Jose. The extension will bring commuters into Silicon Valley with convenient connections to VTA bus and light rail. The stations are nearly completed, and passenger service is expected to begin in the fall of 2017.

#### Phase II Extension Project

The Phase II Extension Project will include a 5-mile-long subway tunnel through downtown San Jose and will extend the BART system from the Berryessa station for approximately six miles. Four stations are proposed for Phase II: Alum Rock/28th Street, Downtown San Jose, Diridon, and Santa Clara. Currently, the project has finished collecting public comments on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ( SEIR). The project approval is expected to happen this December. The

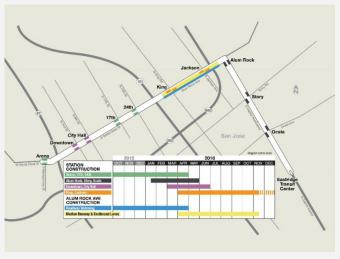


engineering and construction process is expected to should take nine years with expected passenger service in 2026. For more information on the project, you can go to <a href="https://www.vta.org/bart">www.vta.org/bart</a>.

#### Alum Rock/Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit

As you have noticed over the past

few years, there has been significant construction along the Alum Rock corridor. The project is nearly complete and will be running by May of this year. The Alum Rock/Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT) will provide just over 7 miles of limited-stop rapid transit service from the Eastridge Transit Center to the Arena Station in downtown San Jose using Capitol Expressway, Alum Rock Avenue, and Santa Clara Street. BRT lines



will operate during the peak times with service every 10 minutes during peak commute time.

As a VTA Board member, alongside the Alum Rock/Santa Clara business Association and the Hispanic Business Association of Silicon Valley, we advocated for the businesses along the corridor to receive over \$2 Million in grants from VTA to keep the businesses open. The funding allocation is completed, and we look forward to seeing the buses running down the corridor. As part of the project, the entire length of the project is repaved, and new crosswalks, lightening, sidewalks, and gutters are installed. There have been some requests for changes in the corridor which include the reinstatement of left-hand turns along certain streets which VTA and the City of San Jose are investigating.

For more information regarding the project, you can call the VTA Project Information

Office at (408) 929-2990 or visit <u>www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/transit/alum-rock-santa-clara</u>.

#### **Upcoming: Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project**

This project will extend light rail to the Eastridge Transit Center with elevated structures at Capitol Avenue, Story Road, and Tully Road. The Eastridge extension will include Light Rail stations at Story Road and the Eastridge Transit Center. In June 2016, I alongside my colleagues on the VTA Board approved funding to complete design, acquire right of way and relocate utilities. VTA is developing a financing plan for the project. The environmental studies are underway, and the construction should begin 2019 dependent on funding. Construction is dependent on Board of Directors approval of funding/financing plan.

For updates you can visit, <u>www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/transit/capitol-expressway-light-rail-project</u>.



#### UPDATE ON COYOTE CREEK FLOOD DONATIONS

#### **Donation Guidelines**

The City of San Jose appreciates the generosity of those that would like to donate to the survivors of the Coyote Creek flood. While the City itself is not accepting donations, below are guidelines for those interested in helping.

#### The San Jose Flood Victims Relief Fund

Donation dollars help the most because they can be used where the need is the greatest. A special fund has been set up for this disaster, through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Please donate at: <a href="https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/sjflood">www.siliconvalleycf.org/sjflood</a>

#### **Donations of Material Goods and Furniture**

There are many organizations that are collecting donations for the flood survivors. Please donate to your favorite charity or one of the following:

Salvation Army

359 North 4th Street San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 282-1165

www.salvationarmysiliconvalley.org/santaclara/flood

#### Goodwill of Silicon Valley

Goodwill offers many different donation locations throughout Santa Clara County. Please see the website for exact hours and contact information.

www.goodwillsv.org/donate-goods/

#### **Sacred Heart Community Services**

1381 South 1st Street San Jose, CA 95110 (408) 278-2160 sacredheartcs.org

If your organization is interested in doing a Donation Drive, these groups would also be happy to accept those donations.

#### **Donation of Service**

Volunteer Service Opportunities can be found at: <u>HelpInDisaster.com/sanjose</u>

#### Thank You For Your Gift!

#### **BEAUTIFYSJ**

Trash, litter, and illegal dumping has been a big problem in our city for a long time now. BeautifySJ will engage residents to help keep San Jose clean by expanding partnerships for beautification efforts, and empowering neighborhoods to take back their public spaces.



What the city is doing:

- Unlimited Free Item Pick-Up by fall of 2017 to help reduce illegal dumping in our city
- The city will be looking to add 500 more routinely-serviced trash cans along public streets, especially along heavily traveled pedestrian corridors, parks, and litter "hot spots."
- Smartphone Reporting App: our IT staff work to release a "My San Jose" app offering a more reporting tool for residents who identify problems such as illegal dumping, graffiti, code violations, and abandoned vehicles
- Volunteer Activation and "Service Credits": Resident volunteers should be able to
  enjoy the public places they help maintain free of charge. The City is developing a
  "service credit" program where neighborhood and school groups can volunteer in
  parks, community centers, and litter pick-up events, in exchange for a "service
  credit" that allows groups free or reduced fees for community-building events at
  parks, community centers and street closure permits for block parties.
- Freeway Clean-up: The city in collaboration with CalTrans in the past year has paved the way for CalTrans to shift millions in additional freeway litter cleanup funding to Santa Clara County with a \$3.7 million contract with the County Probation Department and San Jose Conservation Corps for supplemental cleaning, and renew an expired contract for graffiti abatement.

#### 680 CLEAN UP

As of January Caltrans has been able to perform more cleanups along 680 due to increased staffing through collaboration with the San Jose Conservation Corps. Over the next month there will be continuous cleanups along the 680 from Hostetter to Capitol Expressway. San Jose Conservation has been a great partner with the city and on behalf of my office I was proud to award this great institution with a commendation during this year's state of the city. Thank you to Olga Madera and everyone at the San Jose Conservation Corps for stepping up and assisting Caltrans so that San Jose highways may be properly maintained.



#### JACKSON AND KING ROAD UNDERPASS ART PROJECT

Scape Martinez was selected for the Neighborhood Gateway Gallery project which will address underpasses located in East San Jose at the intersection of Interstate 680 and Capitol Expressway, Jackson Avenue, and King Road. Scape Martinez is a San Jose native with significant



public art and community engagement experience. His style blends abstract expressionism and urban art to create colorful outdoor artworks. His process relies on community input and participation in what he describes as a "bottom up approach, where the creative process is distilled though various stakeholders" We will be having public meetings for commuting input. Please stay alert so that you can share your ideas and see them become a reality!

#### **iCREATV SUMMER MEDIA CAMP**

Announcing iCreaTV Summer Media Camp for 12-18 year olds! Students learn digital media storytelling from the experts in three sessions including: Talk Show Production (June 19-23), Documentary Production (June 26-30) and Feature Film Production (July 10-21).

For more details, including course descriptions and fees, how to register and to apply for a scholarship, visit creatvsj.org and click on the home page link. Take one session, or all three. Space is limited, so act now! Content from all sessions will air on Classrooms Channel 28 on Comcast.



#### WAYS TO WORK PROGRAM

This is a Bay Area program aimed at helping low income families get to their work by purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles. There are grants up to \$5,000 available to households in specific zip codes in the Bay Area including the 95116, 95122, and 95133, which are all in District 5.



For more information on this program, please visit their website at <a href="www.chdcnr.org/ways-to-work/">www.chdcnr.org/ways-to-work/</a>.

#### **BUS TRIP TO SACRAMENTO ON MAY 31st**

Join Supervisor Dave Cortese, President of the Santa Clara County Board

ofSupervisors, on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 for the 15th annual Bus Trip to Sacramento!

Since its inception, the Bus Trip has increased from a handful of concerned residents advocating for public education funding to over 200 in 2016 who were navigating through the new local control funding formula. This year we are expecting an expanded discussion to include immigration, health care, housing, civil rights and other topics in response to changes in the Federal Administration.



#### What is the Sacramento Bus Trip for Education?

The Sacramento Bus Trip for Education brings education advocates, parents, students, community leaders and residents from Santa Clara County to the state's capitol to meet with state officials and legislators, learn about K-12 public education and higher education issues, and share their ideas and concerns. Last year, more than 200 people filled four buses and spent the day meeting with a dozen of state officials, senators and assembly members. The Bus Trip is sponsored by my office and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation.

#### Why is it important?

Bus Trip participants gain an in-depth knowledge of K-12 public education and higher education issues. Participants receive updates on current legislative proposals, a status update on school funding, and other key public education efforts. More importantly, those who participate have an opportunity to voice their interests and concerns directly to state legislators. Given changes in the Federal Administration, issues such as immigration, housing, health care, infrastructure and how they relate to education will also be discussed.

#### When is the Bus Trip and where do the buses leave from?

This year's Sacramento Bus Trip will occur on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. The buses will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the VTA Transit Center at Eastridge Mall in San Jose and return to the same location around 5 p.m.

#### How much does it cost to attend?

The Bus Trip is FREE for everyone. It also includes a light breakfast and lunch.

#### How do I sign up?

To register, please sign up online via the <u>Sacramento Bus Trip for Education page</u>. For further information, please contact Mario B. Lopez at (408) 299-5030 or via email <u>Mario.Lopez@bos.sccgov.org</u>.

## **Community Information**

#### **Upcoming Immigration Events**

#### **Know Your Right Workshop**

Learn your rights to protect yourself! Every Thursday | 10-11 am & 2-3pm SIREN Main Office - 1415 Koll Circle, Suite 108

#### SpeedUp San Jose

SpeedUp San Jose is a project by the City to find out if our residents and businesses are receiving the internet they pay for. We are asking you to answer a couple of questions

and take a speed test. By giving just a few minutes, you will help us increase transparency around internet quality and costs.

Once the test is complete and we have a better idea of the quality of internet speeds across San Jose we can take the steps necessary to ensure you get the internet you pay

Please follow this link to start the speed test.

#### Got a vacant lot under one acre?

Got a vacant lot under one acre? The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone program, approved by the City Council in November, enables a contract between the City of San José and a property owner of vacant, unimproved, or blighted property under one acre whereby the property owner agrees to keep the property in active agricultural use for a period of five years in exchange for a property tax benefit. The site must meet a range of criteria, including no dwellings are allowed and the site must have water service. Visit <a href="https://www.sanjoseca.gov/UrbanAgZone">www.sanjoseca.gov/UrbanAgZone</a> for details and the application form.

#### **Our City Forest Volunteers**

Leave a Green Footprint in your Community - Volunteer with Our City Forest! Weekly opportunities can be found at www.ourcityforest.org/calendar. Volunteers needed in April & May to plant trees, care & water plants, help with nursery tasks, and more!

#### Free Mulch Program

ChipDrop is offering a free mulch program for gardeners and homeowners in District 5. They connect people with local tree companies who are willing to drop off whole truck loads of wood chip mulch for free.

For more information, please visit <a href="ChipDrop's">ChipDrop's</a> website.

## **Community Resources**

Adult Protective Services 408-755-7690

Alum Rock Counseling Center Crisis: 408-397-3796

Program: 408-294-0500

**EMQ Families First** 408-397-3796

Food Resources Cal-Fresh: 877-962-3633

WIC: 408-792-501

Human Trafficking 888-373-7888 Next Door Solutions - Domestic Violence 408-279-2962

SIREN- Immigration Rights Spanish/ English: 408-397-3796

Vietnamese / English: 408-453-3031

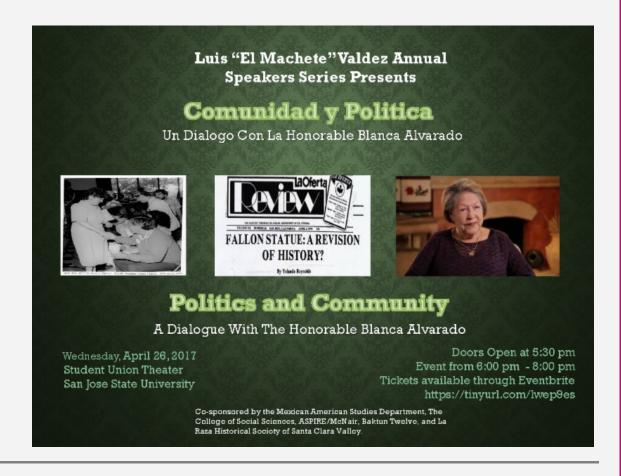
800-273-8255 Suicide Crisis Line Department of Transportation 408-794-1900 866-249-0543 Anti-Graffiti Hotline

408-293-GANG Gang Hotline

408-535-7770 Code Enforcement

Park Concerns 408-793-5510
Streetlight Repairs 408-794-1903
Stray Injured Animals 408-794-PAWS
Crime Stoppers 408-947-7867
Homeless Concerns 408-975-1440
General Information Dial 211

#### Downloadable version





Saturday, April 29, 2017



**9AM - 3PM** 

# OUR CITY FOREST # Community Nursery

1000 Spring St. San José, 95110

\*1/2 off select species \*

CA native plants • Drought-tolerant trees • Succulents

## Free Workshops • Arts & Crafts • Music • Snacks

10AM - Composting is Easy!

11AM - Nature Photography with Smart Phones

12PM - Vertical Planting with Wooden Pallets

1PM - How to get the most from your yard tree

facebook.com/OurCityForest - see event page for more info

## WWW.OURCITYFOREST.ORG

treenursery@ourcityforest.org | 408.457.4741





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\$25 COUPLE & GROUP PHOTOS

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## **FACTS**

1 in 2 sexually active young people will get an STD by the age 25. Most won't know it. The only way to know for sure if you have an STD is to Get Yourself Tested (GYT).

## **ENTER**

- The Contest is open to 13-19 year olds attending high school in Santa Clara County
- A team of up to 5 students with a faculty advisor
- · Create an original Get Yourself Tested themed video (3 minutes max) targeted towards teens
- Post video on YouTube and submit all forms by Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00pm

#### RULES\*

- Get a faculty advisor (required)
- Read and comply with the contest's official rules\*
- Sign all entry forms and return them to your faculty advisor
- Create an awesome public message video for teens
- Post the video onto your YouTube channel
- Submit the team's entry form and video file by April 24, 2017 at 5:00pm

## **GRAND PRIZE**

- \$500 scholarships for each student team member (up to 5)
- \$2000 for Faculty Advisor (reinvesting into school)

## GetTestedSCC.org

\* Visit our website for Official Rules, Entry Form, and Consent Forms. Email us your questions at HIVprevention@phd.sccgov.org



The Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the event described in this flyer including the materials distributed for the event are not endorsed or sponsored by any school district.









#### **DATOS IMPORTANTES**

1 de cada 2 personas jóvenes sexualmente activas contraerá una ETS antes de los 25 años. La mayoría no lo sabrá. La única manera de saber si tú tienes una ETS es "Haciéndote la Prueba".

#### REGISTRENSE

- El Concurso está abierto a estudiantes de entre 13 y 19 años que asistan a escuelas preparatorias en el Condado de Santa Clara
- Formen un equipo con un máximo de 5 estudiantes y un asesor docente
- Produzcan un video original dirigido a los adolescents, con el tema Hazte la Prueba/Get Yourself Tested-GYT (Duración máximo 3 minutos)
- Suban el video a YouTube y entreguen todas las formas antes de las 5:00 pm del lunes 24 de abril del 2017

#### REGLAS\*

- Consigan un asesor docente (obligatorio)
- Lean y cumplan con las reglas oficiales del concurso\*
- Firmen todas los formas y entréguenlas a su maestro/asesor docente
- Produzcan un video con un estupendo mensaje público dirigido a los adolescentes
- Suban su video usando su propio canal de YouTube
- Entreguen la forma de inscripción de su equipo y el archivo del video antes de las 5:00 pm del 24 de abril del 2017

#### **GRAN PREMIO**

- Becas de \$500 para cada estudiante miembro del equipo (máximo 5)
- \$2000 para el asesor docente (para reinvertir en la escuela)

#### GetTestedSCC.org

\* Visita nuestro portal de internet para encontrar las Reglas Oficiales, Formas de Inscripción y Formas de

Mándanos tus preguntas a HIVprevention@phd.sccgov.org



Visita Crane Center en Facebook para más información de La Concientización de ETS/VIH y encuentra los videos que participaron en el Concurso del Video Viral de 2016.

El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Santa Clara y el evento descrito en este volante incluyendo materiales distribuidos para el evento, no están endorsados o patrocinados por ningún distrito escolar.



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